Agreement with Brazil on Blending Ethanol with Petrol

283. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start blending ethanol with petrol for use as an automobile fuel as has been in Brazil;

(b) if so, whether Government have entered into an agreement for sharing technology in this regard; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) with a view to examining various issues related to blending, logistic, marketing economic viability etc., three Ethanol Gasoline Pilot Projects have been commissioned at Miraj (Hazarwadi), Bareilly (Aonla) and Manmad (Paniwadi) on 15.04.2001, 22.06.2001 and 24.06.2001 respectively. Any decision on blending of Ethanol with Petrol for use as an automobile fuel will depend on favourable outcome of these Pilot Projects.

(b) Not so far Sir. However it is under anvil.

(c) Details of Memorandum of Understanding are still being worked out.

Import of Ethanol Blending technology

284. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started operation of blending ethanol with petroleum;

(b) whether technology for this has been imported from other countries; and